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"Sagest in the Council was he, kindest in the hall; Sure we never won a battle--twas Owen won them all. Had he lived, had he lived, our dear country had been free; But he's dead, but he's dead, and 'tis slaves we'll ever be."

—Davis.
This great man was a descendant of King Niall of the Nine Hostages, being the second son of Art M'Baron O'Neill. From a boy he was a soldier in the only martial academy of Christendom, Flanders. He always fought in defense of the Catholic religion in foreign countries, as well as in Ireland. While he lived the country flourished and became more and more prosperous year by year, for he successfully kept down the hand of the sacrilegious destroyer of beautiful churches and monasteries, and priests and monks. He was the only man capable of coping with Cromwell. Had he lived to resist the terrible doings of this ruthless and savage destroyer, Ireland would have quite a different story to relate of Cromwell.

Owen Roe O'Neill landed at Doe Castle, Donegal, in July, 1643, and formally assumed command of the army of Ulster, having been appointed to that important position by the Confederate Council. This council was composed of the principal clergy and laity of Ireland, and while it held together the Irish nation was practically free. Charles tried to come to terms with the Confederates for his own benefit and this unsettled them at once. One party, the Anglo-Irish lords and nobles—called the "Peace party"—were for accepting the King's terms. The other, the old Irish—called the "National party"—would not, as they wanted "peace and honor," and not "peace at any price." And so two terrible and bitter parties were created, Owen Roe becoming the leader of the National party.

On October 22, 1643, John Baptist Rinuccini, Archbishop of Fermo, who was chosen by Pope Innocent X. as Nuncio to the Confederate Catholics of Ireland, arrived at Kenmare Bay with money and ammunition, the greater part of which he forwarded to O'Neill northwards, telling him that upon him lay to open the eyes of the opposite party, for he had early learned the supreme abilities of the Irish General. He resolved to show how he who defended Arras could strike for God and liberty at home, and on June 4 he had encamped at Benburb, at the head of 5,000 foot and horse, to attack at once the Scottish general, who had 6,000 infantry and 800 horse, besides expecting help from his brother, Col. Munroe. But O'Neill has selected a good position, having wood at his rear, bog at the left, and the river Black water to his right.

The whole army, with the gene and officers, having confessed and received holy communion, received Nuncio's blessing. When the battle commenced. The whole army advanced to rout the Catholic troops but a shower of bullets from the underwood soon made them fall. They tried every plan but it was useless. At length the enemy were preparing for a general assault, when O'Neill, perceiving this, threw him into the midst of his men and charged through them. The result was that the enemy fled for their lives and into the deep water the first masses dashed (Owen having possession of the ford) and perished. More did not halt till he reached the burn, and his hat, cloak and sword were found in the field. Lord Montgomery, twenty-one officers and hundred and fifty soldiers were taken prisoners. All the Scottish livery, tents, provisions, arms, ammunition and thirty-two colors fell into the hands of the Irish, who had seventy killed and two hundred wounded. Aubrey de Vere truly:

This day his standard he flung forth:
He tramples the bond and ban
Let them look in his face
Let them see his heart:
Let them vanish him, they who
A peace was concluded accept
to all parties on January 17, 1644, between Ormonde and the General Assembly of the Confederate Catholics, and the Nuncio departed home on February 23. Ormonde O'Neill came to terms and a truce was brought about between them and they agreed to join in December against Cromwell. But, alas! he struck down by a fatal illness, some time he battled against the disease, hoping he might be able to do his duty; but, no! the brave warrior died at Cloughmower Castle, 1649, was buried in the monastery of Francis, at Cavan. It was the greatest calamity that could befall the Irish nation. It is not said for a certainty what he died from, but it was generally believed that some of his enemies poisoned him. Davis says in "Lament for the Death of Owen Roe":

"Did they dare, did they dare, to slay Owen Roe O'Neill?
Yes, they slew with poison him they feared to meet with steel.
May God wither up their hearts! may their blood cease to flow!
May they walk in living death who poisoned Owen Roe!"

It has been admitted by all writers that had Owen Roe lived Ireland would have been saved. He kept an

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Greater Louisville's famous band have been secured for the exposition and will give concerts after noon and night. This will be only one of many features provided for the entertainment of the thousands who are expected to attend nightly. An orchestra, twelve feet high and of immense bulk, will play continually except during the four hours devoted to Greater Louisville's decorations and illuminations are on an elaborate scale and are worth a long journey to see. This exposition will afford the people of Louisville the first opportunity of learning what rapid strides are being made and what is going on all around them. They should therefore visit the armory often during the next two weeks and show their appreciation of the public spirited men who conceived and carried out this gigantic enterprise.

The opening night has been set apart for the Irish-Americans, and they are expected to carry off the honors.

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army together for seven years without a Government to help him, and provided ammunition and necessities, and gained victories for his country. He left rank and station abroad for his service. In forty battles fought he only lost one, and no treachery or inhumanity ever sullied his victories. His forces were so well managed. Never did he fight for distinction or private interest; he fought and died for his country; and if he had been spared for some time longer innocent lives would not have been taken as they were by the savage Cromwell. "He lived for Erin's weal, but died for Erin's woe."

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